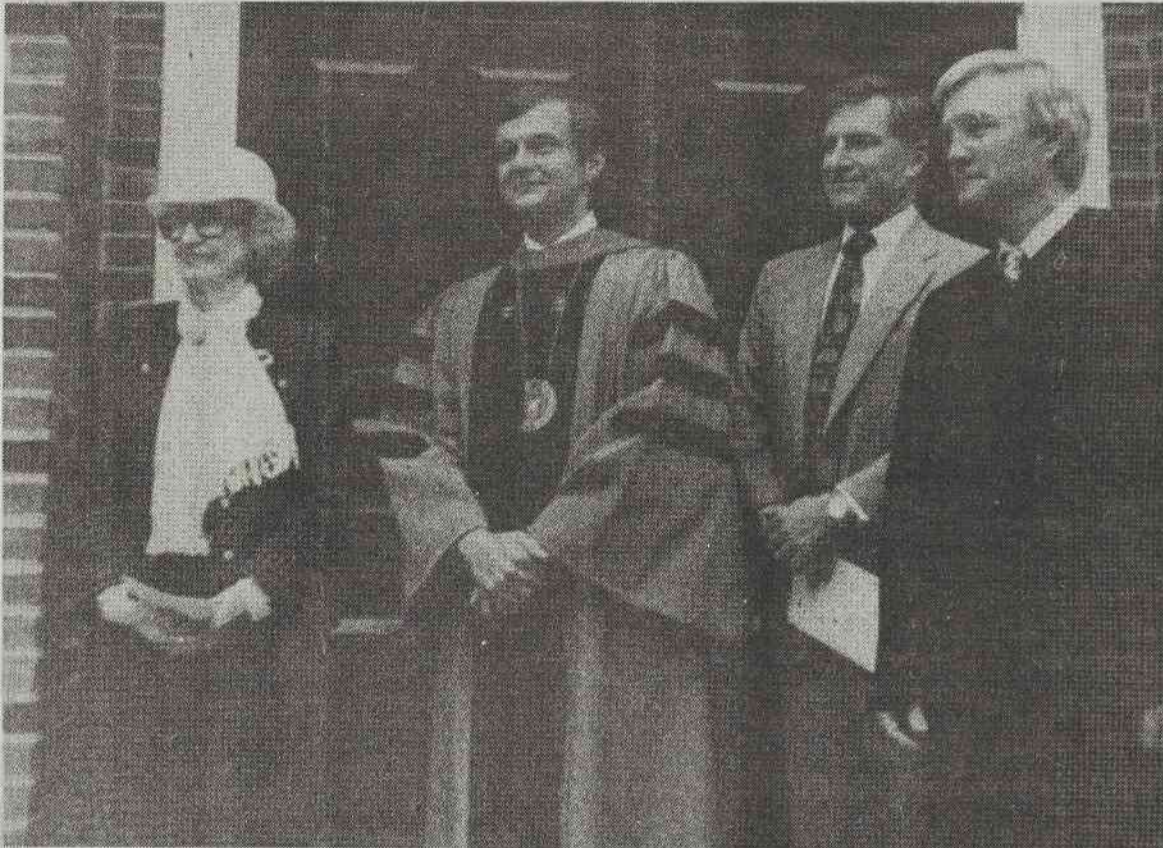


The Decree

VOL. 6, NO. 4

North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N.C.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1990



PEARSALLS VISIT WESLEYAN — Dr. Les Garner (second from left) is joined by members of the Pearsall family, Elizabeth, Thomas, and Mack, during the Founder's Day celebration last week. (Photo by Joanna Holladay.)

Day includes dedication of library

North Carolina Wesleyan College celebrated Founder's Day and dedicated the Elizabeth Braswell Pearsall Library Building last week.

The library, constructed in 1966, has undergone extensive renovation in the last six months, funded by a significant contribution from the Pearsall family to the \$8 million "Vision for the Future" Capital Campaign.

Physical improvements to the building include the installation of air-conditioning, new carpeting, lighting, furnishings, equipment, and resource materials. Wesleyan's library now participates in a national and international inter-library loan subsystem which provides direct computer access to the holdings of most significant libraries in the southeast, as well as access to holdings of the state library and Dialog information services.

There will be two named rooms in the library — the W. Carl Noell Reading Room and the Vivian Braswell Music Library.

Following the dedication ceremony Thursday, Mack Pearsall, College trustee and president of Pearsall Operating Company, de-

livered the keynote address. Pearsall stressed moral literacy, as well as cultural literacy, as essential in the classroom.

"Fix your eyes on the individual student," he challenged the faculty and staff. "Instill in them a commitment to lead and to serve."

Following the keynote address, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the college's highest recognition for service to the College or community, was presented to Richard H. Barnhardt.

Barnhardt, president of Properties, Inc., is a College trustee and serves on the executive committee for the capital campaign. He has been instrumental in the success of the Rocky Mount phase of the campaign, which has raised more than \$5 million.

A native of Charlotte, Barnhardt graduated from Georgia Tech with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church, and serves on the board of directors of Community Ministries, Inc., and Peoples Bancorporation.

College President Dr. Les
(Continued on Back Page)

Eleven students awarded A.J. Fletcher Scholarships

Eleven North Carolina Wesleyan College students are this year's recipients of the A.J. Fletcher Scholarship, awarded to students who are outstanding musical performers and have excelled academically.

Seven students received a \$1,000 scholarship and four received a \$500 scholarship.

This year's \$1,000 recipients are: Lori Briley, Tara Chavanne,

Alyssa Cooper, Gene Gillikin, Michael Hawkins, Temple Hite, and Melissa Joplin. The \$500 recipients are Shindana Bowen, Lorena Segura, Peter Tuerk, and Anne Yates.

These students are particularly active in ensembles and all musical activities. They serve as a core group which provides the foundation for a quality musical group and they, as a group, attract the

interest of other students. Their musical abilities enhance the music on campus, and the campus not only benefits from their talent, but also the Rocky Mount community.

Lori Briley is a junior who is majoring in music. Her husband is Carl H. Briley, Jr. of Rocky Mount.

Tara Chavanne, daughter of
(Continued on Back Page)

Institute says college students low on ethics

College-aged people are less ethical than any other group of people, a Los Angeles-based think tank claimed Oct. 12.

People 18 to 30 years old have fewer ethical values than earlier generations, the Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics claimed.

Young people lack honesty, personal responsibility, and respect for others, the institute said

in a summary of other polls, articles, and about 40 original interviews.

The results, claimed researcher Michael Josephson, indicate "a meaningful, demonstrable ... discernible disintegration" in moral standards.

Students vehemently disputed the charge.

"I disagree with that," said Jennifer MacCallum of Provi-

dence College in Rhode Island. "So many people here are very concerned for other people. We don't protest issues, we actually go out and do something about it."

Indeed, at about the same moment Josephson released its study, 7,000 students from around the nation gathered at the University of Illinois to plot environmental efforts. Half of Dartmouth's student body turned out to object to a

student newspaper's verbal attack on Jews. Yale students protested anonymous verbal attacks on blacks.

"Those things are very relevant," admitted Josephson, "but I don't think it will change the thrust of how we characterize the generation."

"I think maybe we have different morals and different values than the last generation," added

Oklahoma State University's Daryn Casey, "but there's not a lack of morals."

Even those seemingly behind Josephson think he's overstated the case.

"I don't see rampant amorality," said psychology professor Stephen Davis of Emporia State University in Kansas. His survey

(Continued on Back Page)